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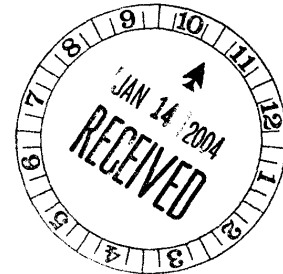
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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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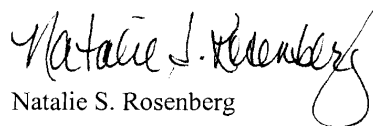
Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 591X)**
CSX Transportation, Inc. -
Abandonment in Clark and Floyd Counties, Indiana

Dear Mr. Williams:

On July 30, 2003, the Board served a decision allowing for the extension of the negotiating period for a trail use agreement in the above captioned proceeding. The deadline for such negotiation is February 4, 2004. Because the parties have been unable to complete the transaction, CSXT must request an extension to finalize trail negotiations. Please allow CSXT and the Town of Clarksville, the City of New Albany, and the City of Jeffersonville to continue to negotiate until August 4, 2004. CSXT also respectfully requests an extension of the consummation date until October 4, 2004. Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,


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